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FSSAI Seeks Comment on Draft Trans Fatty Acid Regulation

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Report Highlights:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is seeking comments from stakeholders and the public on the "Revised Draft Regulation of Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs) in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils, PHVOs" by June 07, 2010. The FSSAI, through the proposed draft notification, intends to change the limit level of TFA in PHVO from 10% to 5% within three years. The proposed limit is based on the recommendations given by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad (NIN).

General Information:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), a statutory regulatory authority of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI), posted on its website the "Revised Draft Regulation of Trans Fatty Acids, TFAs, in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils, PHVOs" for comments by stakeholders and the public. The final date for submission of comments is June 7, 2010, and should be addressed to:

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The full text of the draft rules and regulations can be accessed from the FSSAI website:

[Draft on regulation of trans fatty acids](#)

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Details on the draft notification:

- **Publication Date:** None
- **Date of receiving comments:** June 7, 2010
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified to the WTO (as of May 25, 2010).
- **Products/Affected:** Edible oils, all processed products containing hydrogenated vegetable oils.

Note:

The following summary describes India's current regulations on trans fatty acids and the proposed changes:

Under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954

- The food in which hydrogenated vegetable fats or bakery shortening is used shall declare on the label that the "hydrogenated vegetable fats or bakery shortening used contains

trans fats."

- A health claim of 'trans fat free' may be made where the Trans fat is less than 0.2g per serving of food.
- A 'Saturated fat free' claim may be made only where the saturated fat does not exceed 0.1g per 100g or 100ml of food.

FSSAI Proposes:

- Limit of TFA to be brought down to 5% from 10% within 3 yrs.
- Melting point of 41^oc to be maintained.
- Mandatory labeling of TFA & Saturated fat content should be implemented.
- Palm stearin content may be permitted only in partially hydrogenated/ interesterified fat & not approved for blending of oils.